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SUBJECT: ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING

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REF: A) STATE 079028; B) STATE 071662;

C) CANBERRA 1950; D) WELLINGTON 819

1. MFA (NORRISH) REQUESTS POSTPONEMENT OF PROPOSED PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT (REFTEL A) ON ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 14, WASHINGTON RPT WASHINGTON TIME. REASON FOR REQUEST IS THAT VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY LEADER OF NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION, MINISTER OF LABOUR FAULKNER, HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL APPROVAL OF CABINET, AS IS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY CABINET MINISTER CAN GO ABROAD. FORMAL APPROVAL WAS EXPECTED AT CABINET MEETING OF APRIL 7, BUT MFA LEARNED AT LAST MINUTE THAT MRS. FAULKNER WOULD ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND. THIS NECESSITATED REDRAFTING DOCUMENT RE FAULKNER VISIT AND POSTPONEMENT OF DECISION UNTIL NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CABINET MEETING ON APRIL 14 WELLINGTON RPT WELLINGTON TIME. OFFICIAL
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ANNOUNCEMENT CAN THEREFORE BE MADE ON MONDAY, APRIL 14,

WASHINGTON RPT WASHINGTON TIME.

2. MFA HAS TOLD US THAT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE COMPLETED THEIR DISCUSSIONS (REFTEL C) RE ANZUS COUNCIL AGENDA. THESE COUNTRIES HAVE FORWARDED INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON TO TAKE UP AGENDA WITH DEPARTMENT.

3. WHILE CABINET IMPRIMATUR IS STILL TO BE RECEIVED, MFA CONFIRMS THAT NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION TO COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL D WITH EXCEPTION THAT AIR COMMODORE BRIGHT HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM LIST. MINISTER FAULKNER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, J.F. D'ATH, HAS BEEN ADDED TO NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION.

4. AS NOTED ABOVE, MRS. FAULKNER WILL ACCOMPANY MINISTER OF LABOUR TO WASHINGTON. THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY NON-OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN CONNECTION WITH COUNCIL MEETINGS.
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